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Available in the CIA Library are photocopies of two reports dealing with the activities of the Partito Comunista Italiano (PCI; Italian Communist Party), as follows:

- a. A two-page untranslated report on the difficulties met by the PCI in the labor field. This report discusses the losses suffered by the Confederazione Generale Italiana del Lavoro (CGIL; Italian General Confederation of Labor) in recent Internal Commission elections; CGIL losses in membership, with resultant criticism between the CGIL and the PCI; and the countermeasures which the PCI intends to take in order to regain the initiative in the labor field; and
- b. A three-page untranslated report on the membership difficulties faced by the PCI and the CGIL; the proposed remedies to the situation; PCI relations with the Partito Socialista Italiano; and PCI attitude toward the PSI's "Opening to the Left" initiatives.

25X1A The information contained in this portion of the report has not been confirmed from PCI sources, except in isolated instances. The view brought out by Source appears to be representative of the thinking among journalists only. The trend toward defection from the PCI and CGIL camps does not now appear to be as general as Source makes it out to be.

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